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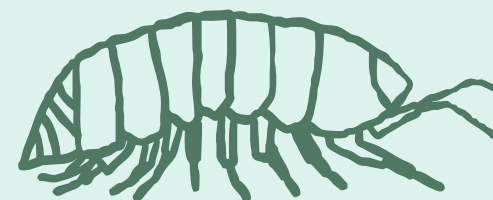
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Go outside to look for roly polies in the dirt.

Put the roly polies into a box (like a tupperware container or a shoebox) and keep the lid off. Now you are going to do a couple experiments to see what a roly poly likes best in a home.

A roly poly is a little animal that likes to live in gardens. It wears its skeleton on the outside of its body, has 14 legs, and is related to shrimp and lobsters. Roly polies are sometimes called pillbugs because when they get scared, they roll into a little ball and look kind of like a pill. This is not a pill you would want to swallow!

Don't forget to put the roly polies back in their real home (outside) when you are done!

Question 1

Do roly polies like a wet home or a dry home?

Put a wet piece of paper towel in one half of your roly poly box. Wait and watch. Do the roly polies go to the wet or the dry side of the box?

Question 2

Do roly polies like sunshine or shade?

Take the wet paper towel out of your box. Now you will cover half of your box with a cloth or a piece of paper to create a shady area. Wait and watch. Do the roly polies go to the shade or to the sunny side of the box?